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FM AMEMBASSY SEOUL

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2610

INFO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA PRIORITY

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SUBJ: AUSTRALIAN RECOGNITION OF NORTH KOREA

REF: SEOUL 1257

1. FOREIGN MINISTER KIM TOLD AMBASSADOR EVENING OF
FEB 22 MOFA REACTION TO WHITLAM LETTER ON RECOGNITION
OF NORTH KOREA WILL MORE RESTRAINED THAN PREVIOUSLY THREATENED.

2. KIM SAID MOFA INTENDS TO SEND A MESSAGE TO AMBASSADOR LO
AUTHORIZING HIM TO RETURN TO SEOUL QUOTE FOR CONSULTATION
AND LEAVE UNQUOTE. TIME OF LO'S DEPARTURE FROM CANBERRA
WILL BE LEFT TO LO'S DISCRETION. KIM INDICATED LO COULD
DELAY HIS DEPARTURE FOR SEVERAL WEEKS IF HE WISHES. ALSO
SAID THAT LO WOULD REMAIN IN SEOUL FOR ABOUT A MONTH
AND THEN RETURN TO HIS POST.

3. BELIEVE KIM'S REACTION WISE UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES.
WOULD HOPE AUSTRALIANS FOR THEIR PART SHOW SIMILAR
RESTRAINT, I.E. DROP ANY VEILED THREATS RE PULLING
THEIR AMBASSADOR OUT.

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